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TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: OPENING OF VIRGINIA'S 2023 DIRECTED OFFSHORE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

2023 Period Two

- **Effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, May 1, 2023, the 2023 Period Two Directed Virginia Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery will open for vessels with a Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License.**
- **The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from May 1 through June 30, 2023, is 15,000 pounds.**
 - **Vessels may land a maximum of 15,000 pounds for the entire period of May 1 through June 30, 2023.**
- **It is unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.**
- **It is unlawful to possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of summer flounder in excess of the total of the Virginia landing limit (15,000 pounds) and the amount of the legal North Carolina or New Jersey landing limit or trip limit.**
- **It shall be unlawful for any person to possess aboard any vessel, in Virginia, any amount of summer flounder, once it has been projected and announced that 100% of the quota described in 4VAC20-620-30 A has been taken.**
- **For additional requirements please visit <https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr620.shtm>**

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Additional Information

All announcements regarding the opening and closing of Virginia's Directed Offshore Flounder Fishery can be found on the home page of the agency website (<https://mrc.virginia.gov>), by clicking the link for "Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery Status" under the section labeled Commercial Fishing.

If you have questions or comments, contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.